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CLAIMS

1. A holding device for holding an item (3) in connection with hardening of the item under elevated pressure in a pressure tank, wherein the holding device includes one or more support elements that entirely or partly surround the lateral surfaces of the item and are arranged to support the item (3) during hardening, characterized in that at least one of the support elements (4a) is arranged in relation to the item in such a way that the support element (4a) presses, in a first region along its length, against the item with a pressure that is elevated relative to the pressure-tank pressure and, in a second region along its length, presses against the item with a pressure that is lower relative to the pressure-tank pressure.
2. A holding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (4a) in the second region lies in abutment with the item essentially without exerting any pressure on the item.
3. A holding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (4a) is fixedly arranged in the holding device at a pivot point (9).
4. A holding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the support element (4a) that is arranged along its length to exert different levels of pressure against the item is arranged in abutment with at least one of the corners of the item.
5. A holding device according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is arranged to hold an item (3) containing a core (5) and a beam frame (7) surrounding a core and including at least two beams (8) for gluing the core (5) to the beam frame (7) and gluing the beams to one another, whereupon the support elements are arranged to press the beams toward one another and lie in abutment with the item essentially without exerting any pressure against the item where the core is to be glued to the beam frame.
6. A holding device according to Claim 3, characterized in that the pivot point (9) is chosen so that the pressure in the first region is roughly 2 - 4 times higher than the pressure in the pressure tank.
7. A method for hardening together an item (3) containing at least a core (5) and a beam

frame (7) surrounding a core and including at least two beams (8) whereby the core (5) is glued to the beam frame (7) and the beams (8) of the beam frame (7) are glued to one another, characterized in that the unhardened item (3) is arranged on an underlayer (2), that support elements (4; 4a, 4b), are applied around the item to hold it together, that the support elements are caused to exert a differentiated pressure on the item, and that the unhardened item is, on its underlayer (2) and with the supporting elements (4; 4a, 4b), introduced into a pressure tank for hardening.

8. A method according to Claim 7, characterized in that the support elements (4; 4a, 4b) are caused to exert a pressure that is elevated relative to the pressure-tank pressure on the surfaces that are pressing the beams toward one another and lie in abutment with the item essentially without pressure on surfaces where the beams are glued to the core.